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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NUTS Members,

Spring is just around the corner even though the ground is still covered in ice and snow. Now is the time to prepare for successful metal detecting trips this spring and summer. You can improve your odds of making a great find by doing research inside while the snow flies outside. If you have never visited the State Historical Society, you should get up there (Rio Grande). In one afternoon you will find more leads for new sites than you will have time to hunt all summer. The old newspapers on microfilm at the library are also a fascinating source of information.

Setting a goal for this year can be a great motivation to get out. Make a goal such as finding an 1800's coin, a certain token or a particular artifact. You may be very surprised at what you dig up while pursuing your goal.

See you at the meeting!!!

FROM THE EDITOR

March is almost here and I am all ready to go camping, fishing and digging. Unfortunately, my new job does not agree with all this getting away stuff. I knew I should have been born rich. Something must have happened at the hospital!!

Please send "letters to editor", stories, notes of interest, gossip, or what have you, to:

KAREN KAY
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DEADLINE FOR MARCH IS MARCH 19TH. THIS MEANS YOUR ARTICLE, LETTER, ETC., MUST BE TO ME BY MARCH 19TH TO BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

CONTEST!!

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The best article submitted before the March 19th deadline will receive a SILVER DOLLAR. No copies of published material will be considered for the contest. (I will still accept these for general interest, just not for the contest). All contest submissions need to be the original work of the club member. We are interested in any and all articles from our members, so don't think you need to be a professional writer to submit something!

Our last meeting boasted of 20 attendees! Where are the rest of you? I sent out 83 Newletters, so there must be more than 20 people out there who could attend.

We will be voting on the Club Medal for 1993, so bring your designs to the February 27th meeting. You can submit an idea if you don't happen to be an artist!

I really enjoyed the video at the January meeting and was more than thrilled to win two drawing prizes.

I am working on profiles on members so be sure to fill out the form below, filling in the blanks. Mail it or give it to me at the club meeting. (Remember, if I don't get a form back, I will be on the phone to you.) I have a few, but more are needed for upcoming issues.

Profile Form (Fill in only the blanks you want published).

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SPECIAL PLACES YOU WOULD LIKE TO DIG _____
COLLECTIONS, ETC _____
ANYTHING ELSE? _____

Write additional information on the back or use your own paper.

WAGON MASTER

HEAD EM UP! RIDE EM OUT!

BY ERIC JAMESON

"This month we have some tokens for the drawing other than for Salt Lake. We will try to keep a wide selection in the future, and this depends on how many raffle tickets we sell and on meeting participation.

"The weather is improving. We are planning our trips! Suggestions will be appreciated. The only trip scheduled so far is the traditional Memorial Day Frisco Trip, May 29-May 31st.

Does anyone have suggestions for a March or April trip? Does anyone have some good digging areas within an hour of Salt Lake?"

PROFILES

JOE AND SARAH LEWIS

By Sarah Lewis

Joe grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah; Sarah in Castle Gate, Utah, in Carbon County.

We have 4 children. Two have left the "nest" and the other two are very comfortable in the nest. We have been NUTS members for about 4 enjoyable years.

Joe is a welder for Eimco Corp., and I work part-time for UPS.

Our main hobby is collecting marbles. Joe also likes the old coins and tokens. We would like to dig anywhere--there's always a chance of finding some little treasures. We also like to go fishing, but that has taken a back seat to our treasure hunting.

We enjoy the NUTS Club and its members.

OUR NEW SECRETARY, KAREN SECOR, AND HER HUSBAND, "RICH" SECOR

By Karen Secor

I have been a NUTS member only since this last December, but over the last few years I have been to many meetings as a guest. I grew up on a farm in South Dakota. I studied chemistry at the South Dakota School of Mines, Landscape Architecture at Kansas State University, and Botany at Weber State. I live with my husband Rich on a 6-acre "ranch" located 5 miles west of Ogden. On wet years we have lake front property. I enjoy gardening, wild plants, and flowers. This last year I have been metal detecting and gold prospecting. I look forward to digging in the dumps this summer with other NUTS members.

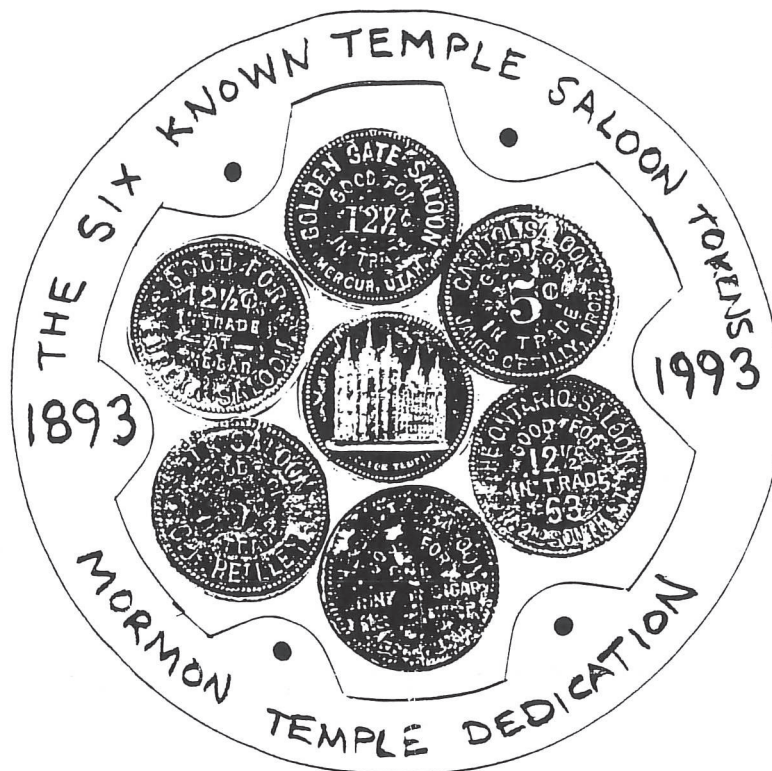
"Rich" Secor (Chester R. Secor)--but don't call him Chester to his face--he still hates that name. Rich joined NUTS about 4 years ago, after he bought a victorian house in Ogden. On a dusty shelf in the garage, he found a cigar box full of assorted trade tokens. He joined NUTS to get more information on what he had found.

Rich grew up in Stony Point, New York. It is the site of one of the great battles of the revolutionary war, a great place for relic hunting. The Air Force brought Rich and our family to Utah where we have lived for the last 21 years. He works as an aircraft mechanic at Hill Field, alternating between day and swing shifts, so he can only come to half the NUTS meetings. Rich likes motorcycles, bowhunting, golf, remodeling houses, antique tools, and of course, tokens.

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AN IDEA!!



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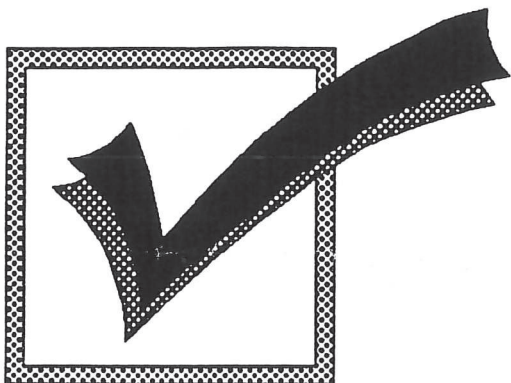
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Treasures of Utah

searched for the deposit during a vacation. Lane became discouraged and returned to his home in the East. Thus Howard became the sole owner of the outfit.

After the departure of his friend, Howard rode out for a short hunting trip. He bagged an antelope and on his way back to camp, stopped to get a drink and to water his mule. The sun was shining directly into the pothole and as he stooped to drink, Howard saw some shining pieces of ore at the bottom of the cavity. He knew at once he had found the potholes for which he and his partner had been searching.

He went back to camp and, after a hurried meal, returned to the pothole with a gold pan and worked all afternoon. As the sun disappeared, he made his way back to camp with an estimated \$700 worth of gold taken from the one shallow hole.

For weeks Howard lived on the game around his camp and panned the gravel from the bottoms of the numerous potholes he had found. When winter came, Howard made his way to the nearest settlement and learned he had gold worth nearly \$100,000.

He returned east with his fortune but through bad investments eventually lost most of it. Years later he tried to return to the scene of his fabulous strike, but failed to reach the right location. So, according to written records, a fortune awaits the prospector who can find the gold deposits again.

3) For anyone interested in solving a mystery, the lost gold mine, or deposit, of Edward Wolverton is a good one.

The story begins in 1778 after the well-known priest, Father Escalante, made his exploratory journey into what is now the Henry Mountains in Garfield County, Utah. It is known that gold was found, but because of the Indian threat, very little of it was mined. Later, in the 1850s, Mormons found traces of mining near the town of Hanksville. Although several men spent weeks in searching, the mine (or mines) was never found.

In 1917, Edward Wolverton heard the story and moved his wife and two sons to Middle Mountain. He apparently found gold because he decided to build a stamping mill and refinery on Straight Creek. Since he had no one except his two sons to help him, the building progressed slowly. After several years, the two sons left, then later Wolverton's wife returned East. Wolverton had never told his family the location of his gold. After his family left him, Wolverton continued to work and build his mill. He spend 11 years in construction.

In September 1928, a rancher named Charles Gibbons, with whom Wolverton was friendly, noticed that he had not visited the ranch in several weeks. Gibbons sent one of his sons to check on Wolverton. The son found the ageing man dying. Taken to

a hospital in Price, Wolverton lingered a few days, then died, taking the secret of the mine or source of gold with him.

The argument among prospectors still persists. Some say Wolverton never found gold, others argue that since he bought supplies in Hanksville and other places and paid with gold, he had to have a source. Also, why would anyone spend 11 years in building something (in this case a mill, rock crusher, conveyor, etc.) unless he was going to use it?

The site is still there on Middle Mountain, but the questions of where the Spanish found gold and why Wolverton built a reduction mill are still unanswered.

4) This is unusual in that the money taken in this mine-payroll robbery is supposedly hidden in three places.

The Castle Gate robbery was a well-planned job executed by Butch Cassidy, Ezra Lay, and Bob Meeks. At noon on April 21, 1897, a Denver & Rio Grande train arrived at Castle Gate carrying the payroll for the Price Canyon coal miners which was picked up by the mine paymaster and two of his assistants. They started for the mine office, each man carrying a bag of money. One bag contained \$8,000 in currency, another \$300 in gold, and the third \$100 in silver.

When Cassidy stepped from the crowd and leveled a gun at the paymaster. At the same moment, Lay and Meeks relieved the assistants of their bags. As the trio mounted their horses, Meeks dropped the bag of silver but made no effort to recover it.

The three robbers rode through Price Canyon, avoiding the town of Price, on into Cleveland, then to Buckhorn Flat, where they made camp for the night. Feeling safe from a posse, they buried the money in the Flat. The next morning they rode to their hideout at Robber's Roost.

Through prior arrangements, two members of the Cassidy gang picked up part of the money hidden at

Buckhorn Flat and, aided by relays of riders, were supposed to deliver it to Cassidy at Robber's Roost. But the two men making the last lap of the run decided to keep the money and headed for Hanksville.

Two other riders, who had come out to meet them, saw the unplanned move and took off in pursuit. A running gun battle followed, until the horse of one of the men being chased was shot from under him. The pair doubled up, but felt it was impossible to outride the men in pursuit. They stopped briefly, buried the money, marked the place with a flat rock, then escaped and later told what happened to the money.

After the Castle Gate robbery, Cassidy and his men brought in tents and set up a camp in Horseshoe Canyon, near Robber's Roost. They spent most of the time playing poker, often playing all night. In one of these extended poker sessions, Cassidy lost

all of the money he had with him. He left the tent and returned shortly, carrying plenty of gold coins. This led to the assumption by the gang that Butch had buried part of his share of the Castle Gate loot in Horseshoe Canyon.

The Castle Gate loot was seemingly buried in three places: in Buckhorn Flat, someplace on the San Rafeal Swell east of Hanksville, and in Horseshoe Canyon. Since it is a recorded fact that the robbery was committed by Cassidy, Lay, and Meeks, this would be a good lead to investigate.

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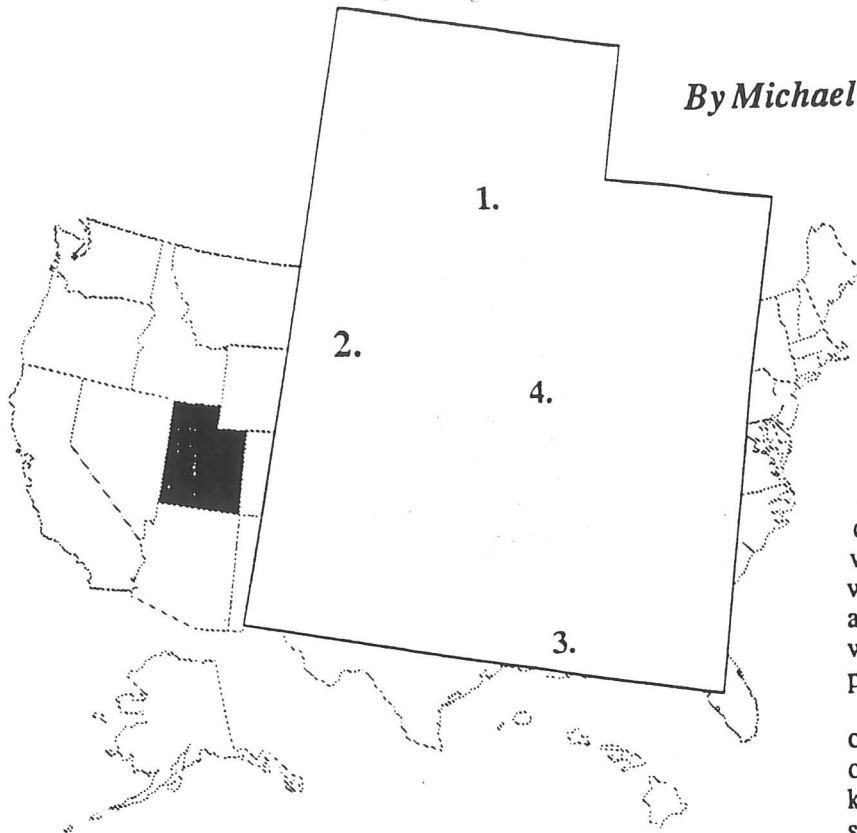
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Some Dreams Die, George A. Thompson

Salt Desert Trail and Outlaw Trail, Charles Kelly [U]

Treasures of Utah

By Michael Paul Henson



1. Two different miners' caches in the same area
2. Potholes in gravel conglomerate studded with gold
3. Spanish mining area and a later gold strike by American in 1917
4. Possible location of a Butch Cassidy cache

1) The following two sites, both in the same area, could pay off. Although the area is being built up, the buried treasures which were left in the 1870s are almost certainly still there.

No. 1—Jamie McFadden was a foreman for the Ontario Mine near

Park City. He spent most nights playing poker in the wide-open saloons, and he won more than he lost. It was common knowledge that he hid his money somewhere around his cabin.

When he was shot by a gambler, McFadden's last words were, "Don't

build a fire in my stove and take care of my well."

The stove was checked and contained a large amount of paper money. But McFadden's friends knew that most of his money was in gold coins. The well was checked but no coins were ever found. If the well site can be located and the walls checked with a metal detector, a person could get lucky.

No. 2—Another story of a buried cache is that of an Irishman who was killed in the Massachusetts Mine across the ridge from the Ontario in Empire Canyon.

According to Richard Smith's (an old-timer of Park City) diary, the Irishman

had described where he had buried a can of gold coins. He had saved the money to buy a ticket to Ireland when he got older. The can was buried under a tree on the mountain, straight up behind the Massachusetts Mine's boarding house. Since there are still old records of the mining companies in existence, a TH'er could get lucky and find these two and some of the other caches which were hidden around Park City, Lake Flat, and other mining areas of Salt Lake County.

2) According to old records, there is a bed of gravel conglomerate studded with nuggets of gold somewhere in the Sevier Desert between the Confusion and House Mountain ranges in Millard County. John D. Mitchell, noted author, wrote in 1949 that a law student named Frank Lane, and his partner John Howard,

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Without a doubt the following four books on different types of treasure to be found in Utah, written by George A. Thompson, are the most complete and comprehensive ever written about a specific state:

Some Dreams Die—a listing of Utah's ghost and near-ghost towns and lost treasures; *Lost Treasures on The Old Spanish Trail*—caches and lost mines left by the early Spanish; *Throw Down The Box*—treasure tales from Western stagecoaching; and *Faded Footprints—The Lost Rhoads Mine*—enough information on lost treasures, mines, waybills, and old maps to satisfy the most meticulous TH'er.

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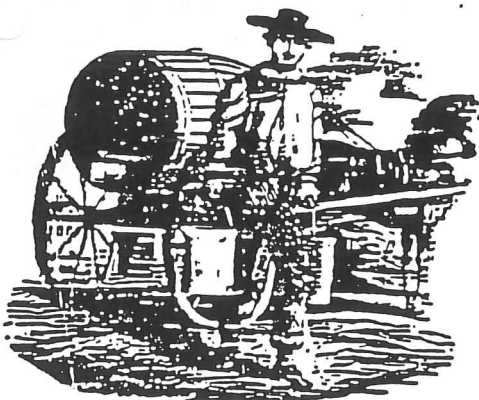
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